

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – October 21, 2008

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building Rte 715, Brodheadsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Leigh Kane (Vice-Chairman), Dave Fleetwood (Supervisor), Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr., and Cathy A. Martinelli (Office Manager). David Albright (Township Manager was absent)

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Adam McNaughton.

Recess into Liquor License Public Hearing. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Dave it was voted to go into recess. (3-0)

Out of Recess. On motion made by Dave, seconded by Leigh it was voted to close the hearing and go back to the Supervisors Public Meeting. (3-0)

Executive Session. Was held on 10/7/08 on a litigation and real estate issue.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Parks. Bernie Kozen and Judy Breidinger were present to present the WEPOSC operating budget for 2009. The budget amount was \$161,701.32. After a brief discussion on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to accept the operating budget for 2009. (3-0)

Public Comment. None.

Minutes. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008, as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence. None.

Old Business.

Shiffer open space project. Atty. Fox was present as well as Mr. and Mrs. Shiffer. Atty. Fox read a letter to the Board and Atty. McDonald with the anticipated time frame and documents needed to finalize the purchase of the property. A down payment of \$5,600.00 was requested. An option contract extension was received. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to sign the option contract extension. (3-0) Resident Mr. Thody had some questions on this project, such as what is the Township's responsibility and what are we going to do with it? Chuck said we will own the 50+ acres outright and use it for open space. The 4+ acres with the building will be used for a historical society. Mr. Lee Hoffman is eager to spearhead the historical society. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Dave it was voted to proceed with the Shiffer acquisition, sign all documents and set the closing date. (3-0)

Discussion and possibly award overflow parking bid. Engineer McDermott was present and showed the Board a spreadsheet he had prepared showing the bidding results. Engineer McDermott recommended the Board award the bid to S&K Construction Company with a work change order reflecting the decrease in price. The original price was \$74,020, with the work order changes of \$27,705. The final cost will be \$46,945. A brief discussion ensued. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to award the bid to S&K Construction Company with the change order for the amount of \$46,945. (3-0) Note: any monies paid from the general fund will be reimbursed by the park & recreation fund.

Fire Company Merger. Atty. Michael Collins was present and gave the Board an update. Atty. Collins said he is still in discussions with council for Sun Valley and they are continuing to make progress. The intension of the merger is for fundraising, support, recognition, honor, encouragement, consolidation of resources and organization. One sticking point Atty. Collins said was currently Sun Valley Fire Dept takes care of fallen trees on the roadway, cleaning of storm drains, etc. They felt when the merger takes place they would no longer be able to do these services. Sun Valley is looking into a possible third party to take care of these services. Atty. Collins will continue to be present at all the meetings with further updates, until the merger takes place.

New Business.

Cancel next meeting Nov. 4th. Since November 4th is Election Day and the office is closed, the Board suggested holding a meeting on Monday November 10th at 7:15 a.m. for the purpose of paying the bills and possibly awarding the roof bids. No other business will come before the Board. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Dave it was voted to approve this change. (3-0)

Authorization to bid electronics & cleaning buildings & recycling center work for hire. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to advertise these items for bid. (3-0)

Pocono Heritage Land Trust. Dr. Gorham was present on behalf of this land trust. She was asking the Board to consider an amendment to the Pohoqualine Conservation Easement to release 2,000 sq ft from the easement, and temporarily from the larger area to permit PENNDOT to repair the bridge, located in Hamilton Township along Greenview Drive, however, Monroe County and both Jackson and Chestnuthill are listed as beneficiaries in the Conservation Easement due to the funding they provided for the easement and to authorize PHLT to receive compensation from PENNDOT in an amount to be determined by PHLT in its sole judgment. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this amendment request. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to pay the general fund and capitol projects fund bills. (3-0)

Plans. None.

Planning Module Approval.

Kinsley Plaza Phase I. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Dave it was voted to table this module approval tonight. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Dave, seconded by Leigh it was voted to adjourn into executive session on a litigation and real estate issue at 8:22 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Martinelli
Recording Secretary